

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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PREPARING SAMPLES FOR ANALYSIS  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:


In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 30, 2008, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-16, for examination, without traverse.

The initial deadline for responding to this Office Action is October 30, 2008. Therefore, Applicants believe that this response is timely filed. However, should any fees be due for this filing, the patent office is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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